

## FAQ about BCom Honours (BCom Hons) Management Accounting at Stellenbosch University

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- ***What is the language policy?***

For BCom Honours (Management Accounting) all classes are presented in English only. All tests, projects, etc are only completed in English.

This policy is followed as the course prepares students for CIMA exams, which are only available in English.

- ***Is there a part time option?***

Classes are only offered full-time and students are expected to attend class. A material portion of the final mark consists of marks gained during class participation and discussion. The programme runs for one year and cannot be followed over a two-year period.

- ***Which subjects are covered?***

The syllabus is aligned with the CIMA subjects as follows:

Subject (Stb)	CIMA paper		Receive exemption from CIMA?
Advanced Financial Accounting 715	F2	Financial Management	Yes
Advanced Management Accounting 716	P2	Performance Management	Yes
Risk and Information Strategy 784	P3	Performance Strategy	No
Strategic Financial Management 782	F3	Financial Strategy	No
Strategic Management Accounting 783	E3	Enterprise Strategy	No

**The exemptions awarded by CIMA are at their discretion only and depend on the graduate programme that you have completed before the BCom Hons (Management Accounting).**

Students at Stellenbosch University who completed BCom (Financial Accounting or Management Accounting) or BAccounting get exempted from paper E1, P1 and F1 and the Operational Case Study Exam. Students at other universities can visit the following link to determine whether they are exempted from certain CIMA papers:

- ***What are the entry requirements for BCom Hons (Man Acc)***

For admission to **BCom Honours (Management Accounting)** in 2027, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

Financial Accounting third year: 57%

Management Accounting third year: 57%

**The above marks must be obtained within the two years preceding the intended year of study.**

Selection is based on the final mark as it appears on the University's central systems. This programme is a selection programme and a limited number of students may possibly be admitted.

Naturally other universities may use alternative names for subjects. To determine whether your subjects would be considered, please provide Mr R Baard ([rbaard@sun.ac.za](mailto:rbaard@sun.ac.za)) with the following:

1. Degree
2. Subjects
3. Course descriptions of third year subjects that are similar to Management Accounting and Financial Accounting.

**Please note that to be eligible for selection, undergraduate degrees have to include at least three years Financial Accounting and minimum two years Management Accounting (which includes Financial Management and Cost Accounting).**

- ***Can I gain entry to the Honours programme if I passed my exams with CIMA?***

Unfortunately not. There is additional material that is covered at undergraduate level which is needed to be successful in the Honours programme.

- ***When do application close?***

Applications for BCom Hons (ManAcc) close 31 October of the preceding year (i.e. 31 October 2025 for the 2025 academic year). Unfortunately, late applications cannot be considered.

- ***When do classes start?***

Classes start and run according to the academic calendar as followed in South Africa. Classes therefore start end January / beginning of February and comes to an end in approximately November.

- ***Can I transfer from another university?***

You may possibly gain entry to the BCom Hons (Management Accounting) degree at Stellenbosch if you completed your degree at another university. However, this may influence exemptions you receive from CIMA. This is a matter which individuals need to take up with CIMA.

To determine whether your qualification is recognised by Stellenbosch University, please email [registrarems@sun.ac.za](mailto:registrarems@sun.ac.za).

- ***What is the difference between BCom Hons (Management Accounting) and Hons BAcc?***

The BCom Hons (Management Accounting) syllabus is aligned with that of CIMA and prepares students for the CIMA exams.

The Hons BAcc syllabus is aligned with the SAICA [CA(SA)] syllabus and prepares students for SAICA's First Qualifying Exam.

- ***What is the application procedure***

Please visit the university's postgraduate website to apply: <http://www0.sun.ac.za/pgstudies/>

There should a prominent link "Apply" in the middle of the screen.

- ***What are the fees for the programme?***

The estimated fees for the programme is +-R62 000 (for 2026), excluding text books. Please refer to the university's website for more details in relation to fees.

- ***What are the fees to apply?***

There is a non-refundable application fee of R100.

- ***At which NQF level is the Honours programme?***

BCom Honours (Management Accounting) is at NQF level 8.